Dear Bill, 1/31/98

Your refer to it as Clinton's missile crisis and it is beginning to look as though he'll come out of it as JFK did. The GOPs of the far right have gone too far and the country shows signs of reacting against them, as the popularity poll seems to reflect.

I think this is largely because they have no real, no legitimate issues so they are, as they have been most of recent decades, gunning with the nagative.

Lott looked ridiculous following Clinton's State of the Union address. When Lott got to where he was referring to the Democrats as the Tax and spend gang, right after Clinton announced a surplus and a balanced budget, that was a Lott too much. Particularly because most of the deficit was caused by the GOPs who under Reagan alone incurred more debt than all presidents before him and all the wars incurred.

Looks like Grundy is not interested. Unless he was away during the break.

We are about as OK as we were, thanks.

On those foam boards, that is how I first showed the first assassination pictures I used when I was promoting the first two books. Had them enlarged and mounted.

Naming the National Airport after Reagan will not fly. Thank for the WSJ disagreement with doing that.

I can remember when old National was a relatively small cinderblock building where the Pentagon now is. I can remember the dredges that sucked up the bottom of the Potomac and through big flexible pipes poured all that on what was the shore and gradually built all of that up as the water ran off. I can remember the DC2s, which did not have retractible landing gear, brushing treetops with them. And the empty cardboard containers like oatmeal boxes alone each wall of windows for the delicate stomachs. Reagan had nothing to do with any of that and they named a building he had nothing to do with after him.

The King family was silent when a word could have helped, spoke first when it should not have, when DJ asked for it to agree with the plaea barganining, and since then has listened to the nuts only, and are convinced, knowing nothing but what the nuts tell them. Cokie Ronert wrote with her husband what you sent. I sent her Senator Russell Dissents and heard nothing from her. It says her father did not agree with the basic conclusion of the Report he signed. Best,

Harold